

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 5-19 were examined. Claims 1, 2 and 5-17 were rejected, and claims 18 and 19 were objected to. In response to the above-identified Final Office Action, Applicant cancels claims 1, 2 and 5-16, and amends claims 13 and 15-18. The primary amendment presented here rewrites claim 18 in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Consequently, the claim is in the form the Examiner indicated would be allowable, and such action is earnestly solicited.

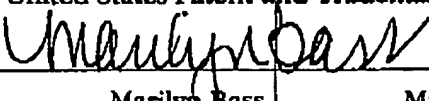
The remaining amendments merely adjust the base claim references of the affected dependent claims, and these claims are believed to be patentable at least by virtue of their dependence upon claim 18.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely claims 13 and 15-19, patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

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